(b) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps being taken to make upto-date payment of cash relief to these migrants; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Secretary, Social Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh visited Ghaziabad to assess the problems of these migrants; if so, the gist of the assessment made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) The Government of U.P. have reported that number of kashmiri migrants arriving in Ghaziabad had been fluctuating. In order to avoid possible mis-utilisation of funds, a physical verification was carried out in October, 1992. Thereafter, a sum of Rs. 42,19,500.00 have been disbursed to 286 migrant families, for the period ending Feb., 1993.

(c) It has also been indicated that the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of U.P. had visited Ghaziabad in October, 1992 and after meeting the representatives of the J & K migrants, had ordered physical verification of the migrant families. The representatives of the migrants also wanted allotment of accommodation on nominal rent. However, since permanent rehabilitation of the migrants outside the State is not envisaged, this request was not acceded to. They are however being provided with other basic facilities including cash relief.

Elections in President Ruled States

1134. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to hold Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir within next six months as reportedly stated by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs, on the 5th April, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) when and in which month the elections in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to be held; and

(d) when the elections of State Assemblies in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh are likely to be held ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Elections to the Legislative Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir will be held as soon as conditions conducive for holding free and fair elections are created in the State. No definite time frame can, however, be given in this regard.

(d) The decision regarding holding of elections in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh will be taken at the appropriate time.

Resorting to Article 356 of the Constitution

1135. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of times Article 356 of the Constitution was resorted to by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?